

REMARKS

Applicants thank Examiner Lee for her courteous and congenial telephone interview with Applicants' representative on March 23, 2006.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the present application.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7 and 8 are amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention. The claims 1, 4 and 8 are amended to recite "one or more onium salts having iodonium or sulfonium cations". Support in the specification is at page 11, lines 11-12.

Claim 2 is amended by deleting the term "chain transfer agents" from the claim.

Claim 7 is amended to recite that the onium salts have iodonium and sulfonium cations. Support in the specification for the amendment of claim 7 is at page 11, lines 11-12.

Claims 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 are new.

Support in the specification for claim 13 is at page 11, lines 11-12.

Support in the specification for claims 14, 15 and 16 is at page 11, lines 8-10.

Support in the specification for claim 17 is at page 9, lines 10-17.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. 5,744,280 to Mooney, III et al. in view of U.S. 5,112,721 to Kuchta and further in view of U.S. 6,835,789 to Kneafsey et al. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

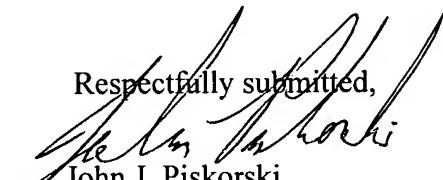
In order for there to be a *prima facie* case of obviousness, the applied documents must teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claims. *In re Wilson*, 165 U.S.P.Q. 494, 496 (C.C.P.A. 1970). Mooney et al. alone or in combination with Kuchta and Kneafsey et al. do not teach or suggest all the limitations of the claims. They do not at least teach or suggest onium salts or onium salts having iodonium or sulfonium cations. Such onium salts accelerate the rate at which the imaging composition undergoes color or shade change after exposure to 5mW or less of energy. See page 11, lines 6-7 of the specification. No where do the applied documents teach or suggest such onium salts.

Further, the compositions of Mooney et al. are directed to deuterated leuco compounds (col. 1, lines 43-48). Mooney et al. specifically teach away from using non-deuterated leuco compounds. Mooney et al. specifically teach that deuterated aminotriarylmethane or xanthene

leuco compounds afford improved and enhanced image contrast characteristics (col. 1, lines 60-63). Accordingly, Mooney et al. teach away from the compounds of present claims 17.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 1-17 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response or this application, or should she believe this application is for any reason not yet in condition for allowance, she is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at the number set forth below in order to expedite allowance of this application.



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